

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1946.													
December ...	78	83	98	116	90	72	88	102	94	79	77	34	72
1947.													
January ...	77	21	8	7	31	51	27	8	18	190	75	31	140
February ...	271	271	176	462	261	263	257	175	207	198	242	160	204
March ...	142	82	151	178	132	100	83	165	136	126	70	39	101
April ...	81	59	96	45	76	58	76	95	85	127	113	186	131
May ...	62	88	41	51	61	61	83	43	56	78	101	32	79
June ...	32	38	61	41	44	38	32	63	53	8	56	76	29
July ...	64	135	155	157	122	80	142	171	152	8	17	17	11
August ...	136	94	100	178	117	129	82	96	97	61	35	146	65
September ...	148	168	119	175	147	140	139	126	131	82	48	34	67
October ...	148	161	106	136	136	170	135	115	127	78	70	65	74
November ...	144	192	156	176	165	128	196	156	163	143	150	170	146
December ...	168	285	306	174	247	173	325	319	302	176	262	256	208
1948.													
January ...	99	107	110	49	99	104	115	95	101	88	150	220	121

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44; 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45; 431,549,000 lb. in 1945-46 and 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war time contract. Auction sales were resumed in 1946 under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of current clips.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales in year ended June, 1947, was 23'6d. per lb. Comparable average price was 32'5d. in Sept., 1947; 34d. in Oct.; 38d. in Nov.; in Dec., 38d. (nominal, few sales were held); and 43d. in Jan., 1948.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
July ...	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568
August ...	113,506	110,161	66,310	91,158	189,713	178,857	127,655	151,726
September ...	73,356	132,093	206,309	141,592	263,069	310,950	333,964	293,318
October ...	129,588	183,001	209,694	184,962	392,657	493,951	543,658	478,280
November ...	166,656	174,501	128,416	125,808	559,313	668,452	672,074	604,088
December ...	111,713	47,412	67,454	59,723	671,026	715,864	739,528	663,811
January ...	101,888	44,883	22,200		772,914	760,747	761,728	
February ...	24,884	23,146	17,611		797,798	783,893	779,339	
March ...	23,799	28,966	23,087		821,597	812,859	802,426	
April ...	20,854	36,385	31,351		842,451	849,244	833,777	
May ...	34,419	40,424	52,392		876,870	889,668	886,169	
June ...	41,007	36,141	36,660		917,877	925,809	922,829	

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13'1
1942-43	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17'0
1943-44	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17'6
1944-45	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6'0
1945-46	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16'6
1946-47	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3'5
1947-48*	5,425,000	5,100,000	101,000,000	19'8

*Preliminary Estimate.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Thousand lb.						
July	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004
August	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833
September	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025
October	10,107	8,626	8,488	7,557	4,446	6,464
November	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858
December	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,695
January	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	.....
February	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	.....
March	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	.....
April	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	.....
May	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	.....
June	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	.....
Year	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	.....
Six Months ended Dec. ...	54,221	44,783	35,113	36,065	24,541	33,879

5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1947 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
First... ..	18th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	475
Second	15th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	821
Third	15th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	766
Fourth	12th April	886	843	782	755	859	816
Fifth	10th May	1,003	843	930	791	674	834
Sixth	7th June	965	907	866	914	906	834
Seventh	5th July	918	899	884	846	798	1,003
Eighth	2nd Aug.	953	905	884	914	846	990
Ninth	30th Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	911	998
Tenth	27th Sept.	984	868	970	844	975	1,019
Eleventh	25th Oct.	973	937	870	759	1,017	996
Twelfth	22nd Nov.	965	939	891	869	976	1,107
Thirteenth	20th Dec.	886	904	906	308	932	1,026
† Total—52 weeks		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,685
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	60	180	523	756	959
Period of 52 weeks ended*—							
Northern District	26th Dec.	8,302	7,824	7,335	6,775	7,690	7,881
Western District		1,643	1,499	1,702	1,626	1,758	1,888
Southern District*		2,261	2,150	2,006	1,775	1,738	1,916
Total (52 weeks)		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,685
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	60	180	523	756	959

* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District end a week later than in other districts.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
1946	101,100	780	1,191,938	212,811	1,200,643	305,206	1,505,849
1947	109,562	795	1,359,585	218,524	1,400,358	287,313	1,687,671
Month—							
1946—Dec.	75,053	572	933,822	134,854	933,822	209,907	1,143,729
1947—Nov.	180,319	756	1,312,324	92,961	1,312,324	273,280	1,585,604
Dec.	158,173	574	1,025,476	130,590	1,158,476	155,763	1,314,239
Year ended December							
1946	1,213,194	9,364	14,303,259	2,553,734	14,407,714	3,662,473	18,070,187
1947	1,314,743	9,535	16,315,021	2,622,293	16,804,294	3,447,763	20,252,057

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales: New Buildings, Alterations and Additions. *
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251
1946	1,496	1,599,803	312,566	1,198	1,347,792	116,450	7,894,158
September Quarter—							
1946	1,764	1,994,335	337,233	1,340	1,529,259	130,552	9,505,491
1947	1,732	2,368,950	339,127	1,284	1,746,381	64,348	9,976,658
Nine Months (Jan.—Sept.)							
1946	4,466	4,670,400	884,049	3,710	4,052,772	360,649	22,697,665
1947	5,281	6,498,093	1,025,324	3,659	4,828,295	254,269	28,425,588

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 industrial and rural towns; other areas not recorded.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)							
	Houses.			Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b)	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	New.		Alterations and Additions.					
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs.								
Monthly Average—								
1939	345,374	71,850	42,004	231,830	106,124	42,943	178,164	1,018,289
1944	2,639	11,642	12,397	1,094	85,433	1,459	18,913	133,577
1945	149,698	160,728	31,025	3,680	61,641	4,775	27,729	439,276
1946	555,620	386,272	61,356	52,758	303,006	48,180	98,157	1,505,849
1947	759,192	379,558	65,711	101,545	251,473	28,972	101,220	1,687,671
Month—								
1946—Dec. ...	463,811	264,449	46,535	66,684	174,876	11,156	116,218	1,143,729
1947—Nov....	765,058	383,491	64,595	80,755	243,435	17,773	30,497	1,585,604
1947—Dec. ...	600,880	294,016	51,968	159,068	83,108	32,319	92,880	1,314,239
Year ended December—								
1946... ..	6,667,435	4,641,265	736,281	633,092	3,636,071	578,162	1,177,881	18,070,187
1947... ..	9,110,301	4,554,694	788,533	1,218,542	3,017,680	347,667	1,214,640	20,252,057
129 Industrial and Rural Towns.								
Quarterly Average—								
1939	165,886	439,089	79,029	36,997	28,847	92,367	223,066	1,065,281
1944	2,334	31,353	27,236	1,755	41,784	4,868	37,338	146,668
1945	69,520	345,649	64,606	2,749	53,182	13,512	53,905	603,123
1946	315,060	997,873	134,694	28,043	130,775	85,697	220,227	1,912,369
Sept. Quarter—								
1946	422,092	1,154,309	164,099	33,671	151,026	116,850	289,521	2,331,568
1947	478,874	1,365,194	157,879	42,540	280,648	62,248	320,694	2,708,077
Nine Months— (Jan.—Sept.)—								
1946	909,938	2,915,291	408,862	93,178	407,407	249,744	570,029	5,554,449
1947	1,431,580	3,927,447	482,096	111,367	546,488	333,995	690,444	7,523,417
7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.								
Quarterly Average—								
1939	97,086	117,190	19,226	6,930	1,170	7,348	25,810	275,260
1944	3,774	35,555	11,963	5	8,158	783	10,445	70,683
1945	110,370	388,520	35,281	925	3,831	1,793	13,581	554,301
1946	409,227	891,154	64,908	11,000	13,278	33,019	41,656	1,464,242
Sept. Quarter—								
1946	477,076	981,467	80,793	13,250	21,250	39,780	46,195	1,659,811
1947	620,328	1,040,723	63,154	25,130	4,615	43,811	12,968	1,810,729
Nine Months— (Jan.—Sept.)—								
1946... ..	1,149,472	2,785,689	193,124	25,025	38,343	90,874	130,894	4,413,421
1947... ..	1,788,600	2,785,466	219,460	51,570	55,665	103,207	78,596	5,082,564

(a) Includes conversions to flats.

(b) Includes shops with dwellings attached.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of December.			Year Ended December.		
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	353,590	274,427	295,260	3,661,801	3,793,518	4,299,295
Remainder of State...	172,095	178,945	283,876	1,638,295	2,651,068	3,022,773
Total, N.S. Wales ...	525,685	453,372	579,136	5,300,096	6,444,586	7,322,068

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Million £.									
Year.	200'29	202'79	229'03	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	...
January ...	13'24	16'33	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70
February ...	16'54	14'64	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28
March ...	15'78	16'97	17'40	19'33	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22
April ...	15'79	17'88	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88	27'33
May ...	17'46	14'85	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33
June ...	14'88	17'07	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'98
July ...	15'28	16'74	17'63	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82
August ...	16'81	17'17	20'41	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11
September ...	19'44	17'48	21'60	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00
October ...	19'22	18'50	18'25	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89
November ...	17'53	18'13	20'58	19'54	21'07	20'30	39'13	24'65	32'66
December ...	18'32	17'03	20'28	20'98	19'61	22'84		27'76	...

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1938 ...	303	303	+ 4'8	+ 5'2	+ 11'6	+ 5'0		
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14'5	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942 ...	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943 ...	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944 ...	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945 ...	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946 ...	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1946.								
November ...	26	26	+ 14'2	+ 28'6	+ 28'7	+ 21'7	+ 23'8	+ 29'1
December ...	23	24	+ 33'0	+ 37'9	+ 31'4	+ 17'2	+ 25'0	+ 28'0
1947.								
January ...	25	25	+ 16'7	+ 39'4	+ 34'6	+ 19'7	+ 21'9	+ 31'5
February ...	24	24	+ 11'9	+ 38'8	+ 28'0	+ 12'3	+ 22'2	+ 31'4
March ...	26	26	+ 15'7	+ 37'6	+ 29'3	+ 11'9	+ 14'9	+ 30'6
April ...	22	22	+ 12'8	+ 38'6	+ 19'7	+ 9'6	+ 13'6	+ 25'5
May ...	27	27	+ 9'8	+ 40'6	+ 19'4	+ 8'0	+ 12'7	+ 22'7
June ...	23	24	+ 38'2	+ 34'8	+ 15'8	+ 7'7	+ 19'0	+ 18'3
July ...	27	27	+ 12'0	+ 29'2	+ 20'1	+ 8'1	+ 19'0	+ 18'5
August ...	27	26	+ 16'9	+ 33'4	+ 14'0	+ 6'6	+ 21'8	+ 16'6
September ...	25	26	+ 41'3	+ 28'5	+ 21'8	+ 6'5	+ 23'6	+ 18'5
October ...	26	26	+ 23'4	+ 25'3	+ 17'5	+ 7'4	+ 26'6	+ 17'7
November ...	26	25	+ 8'9	+ 27'5	+ 19'9	+ 5'6	+ 23'8	+ 19'7

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 27.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

		Month of December.			Six Months ended 31st December.		
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
1945	...	2,255,562	1,877,204	378,358	15,557,670	11,918,849	3,638,821
1946	...	2,603,774	2,049,036	554,738	15,288,797	12,249,917	3,038,880
1947	...	3,241,711	2,563,346	678,365	17,873,152	14,636,317	3,236,835

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,857,000 in year 1946-47.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

		Month of December.		Six Months ended 31st December.	
		Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.
		thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1945	...	807	21,525	7,682	130,696
1946	...	1,185	22,269	8,575	129,231
1947	...	1,457	22,042	9,066	130,391

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.† \$	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried. \$
Month of December—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1945 ...	422,800	(-) 12,200	39,400	46,200	1,400	3,900
1946 ...	473,600	12,200	42,100	52,100	2,200	3,900
1947 ...	616,900	5,900	39,400	67,300	(-) 200	3,900
Six months ended 31st December—						
1945 ...	2,654,200	52,700	248,100	278,100	21,300	23,200
1946 ...	2,748,400	9,700	244,200	293,100	1,000	21,700
1947 ...	3,500,300	106,000	223,900	367,700	1,800	21,400

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £479,010 in year 1946-47. \$ Estimated.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

Adult fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased by one penny per journey from 1st July, 1947.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1946.	1947.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	31st Decem ber.	30th June.	31st October.	30th November.	31st December.
Cars	216,633	169,916	185,665	195,453	198,889	203,740	204,667	205,923
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	106,598	113,544	118,825	120,175	121,662
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	2,177	2,374	2,653	2,735	2,820
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	17,940	19,316	20,422	20,738	21,110
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	5,559	5,856	6,107	6,182	6,298
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	1,039	1,103	1,168	1,290	1,316	1,349
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,358	1,431	1,518	1,550	1,580
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	1,077	1,160	1,258	1,278	1,289
Trailers	6,538	6,965	9,187	12,964	14,712	16,116	16,373	17,057
Total ...	329,219	267,768	300,343	344,229	358,450	371,929	375,014	379,088

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
1947	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
Month—								
1946- December..	881	410	20	276	12	...	633	2,232
1947- April ...	775	484	29	204	8	...	226	1,726
May	815	513	27	246	20	...	186	1,807
June	859	581	16	188	22	6	138	1,810
July	1,232	750	33	191	22	7	160	2,395
August	1,104	691	27	234	35	11	164	2,266
September..	1,320	873	39	213	40	11	242	2,738
October	1,451	817	56	417	39	15	269	3,064
November..	1,298	836	40	339	30	5	213	2,761
December..	1,248	876	49	366	36	4	579	3,158

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	423,649	556,775	564,184	570,080	608,306
February	427,211	561,066	563,702	570,952	606,880
March	427,964	560,665	563,791	573,205	616,114
April	428,848	561,638	567,295	576,218	618,385
May	431,149	563,277	571,616	575,144	663,518
June	433,029	560,032	572,697	575,864	679,505
July	433,972	559,106	573,078	580,747	686,633
August	431,029	562,063	572,893	583,172	691,944
September ...	432,795	563,425	568,280	585,985	698,312
October	435,573	561,504	571,656	588,321	698,539
November ...	440,335	562,093	573,637	591,001	698,416
December ...	441,934	560,717	571,790	598,643	703,577

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1946.	1947.	Expenditure.	1946.	1947.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	49·48	59·42	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	15·25	18·51
Sales	21·24	17·23	Widows' Pensions ...	1·58	1·95
Income	81·90	89·40	Child Endowment ...	9·01	9·46
Payroll	6·68	7·92	Other	4·59	4·37
Estate	1·93	2·22	Payments to States ...	10·74	10·36
Entertainments ...	2·46	2·47	Tax Reimbursed to States	15·70	17·71
Other	0·72	0·64	Post Office	10·67	13·53
Total Taxes	164·41	179·30	Other	32·26	42·34
Post Office	14·73	15·73	Defence and Post War ...	101·52	84·43
Other	6·23	9·47			
Total Revenue ...	185·37	204·50	Total Expenditure ...	201·32	202·66

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the six months ended December, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £5,575,000 in 1946, and £5,660,000 in 1947; and Contribution under International Monetary Agreements Act, £10,154,000 in 1947.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1946.	1947.	Expenditure.	1946.	1947.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	1,459	1,459	ing Fund	8,584	8,326
Reimbursement of Taxes...	6,590	7,420	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	544	590	Activities	968	987
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	2,677	3,596	Net Debt Charges ...	7,616	7,339
Other Taxes	713	912	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land	720	982	Governmental	12,031	14,586
Services	720	843	Business Undertakings ...	15,727	18,986
Other	2,239	2,208			
Total Governmental	15,662	18,010			
Business Undertakings ...	19,408	22,197			
Total Revenue ...	35,070	40,207	Total Expenditure ...	35,374	40,911

Loan expenditure on works and services during the six months ended December was gross £6,842,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £6,712,000 in 1947, compared with gross £2,720,000 and net £2,579,000 in 1946.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318·4	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 " ...	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 " ...	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 " ...	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 " ...	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 " ...	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 " ...	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 " ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1947 " ...	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	289·7
1946—						
September ...	622·0	36·7	27·0	109·9	251·3	243·6
October ...	623·9	36·5	24·5	107·9	252·3	252·5
November ...	623·5	37·3	24·5	100·5	256·6	258·1
December ...	635·0	42·4	24·8	90·6	263·2	261·1
1947—						
September ...	638·9	46·2	14·1	75·6	236·3	315·8
October ...	651·9	45·8	16·2	73·6	239·1	324·7
November ...	659·3	42·3	14·2	65·8	248·7	332·7
December ...	668·6	43·5	11·4	61·8	259·5	335·9

* Excluding London Funds.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—December ...	81·8	180·4	265·1	106·2	223·2	443·5	675·5	240·2
1946—December ...	77·0	206·2	286·3	133·0	204·7	492·4	708·4	303·5
1947—July ...	71·9	203·2	278·5	150·5	198·9	493·7	704·8	350·2
August ...	72·4	202·9	277·5	152·7	199·7	490·0	699·5	356·4
September ...	72·8	207·2	283·1	157·1	200·2	500·2	710·0	362·9
October ...	72·7	212·2	287·9	160·5	199·6	514·4	723·5	371·5
November ...	72·4	215·0	290·2	166·2	199·1	523·6	732·5	381·1
December ...	71·3	219·1	293·3	171·3	197·9	534·2	742·6	387·6

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by *monthly averages in Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by *quarterly averages in New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.			Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.				million £.			
1939 ...	113·6	114·9	122·5	1943	169·1	172·3	93·5
1940 ...	126·1	128·1	117·6	1944	200·9	203·6	85·1
1941 ...	134·4	137·3	113·7	1945	217·8	219·8	85·9
1942 ...	142·1	145·3	106·9				

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits.†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1936 ...	80,000	January ...	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924
1937 ...	81,952	February ...	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544
1938 ...	86,016	March ...	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665
1939 ...	87,474	April ...	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328
1940 ...	82,111	May ...	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549
1941 ...	87,750	June† ...	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368
1942 ...	94,538	July ...	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530
1943 ...	122,405	August ...	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070
1944 ...	162,867	September ...	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654
1945 ...	198,203	October ...	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568
1946 ...	236,242	November ...	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775
1947 ...	231,368	December ...	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £24,706,608 at 31st December, 1947, including £131,124 net receipts in December.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	98	123	136	150	152	154	196
February ...	75.5	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	96	123	139	147	149	157	194
March ...	80.5	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	93	119	138	146	145	164	193
April ...	70.7	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	98	125	150	150	154	176	218
May ...	82.0	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	100	125	155	158	160	184	229
June ...	80.3	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	101	133	163	166	169	195	236
July ...	71.2	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	98	130	155	168	167	206	229
August ...	74.9	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	99	135	160	169	168	214	227
September ...	74.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	99	134	155	163	166	217	232
October ...	78.0	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	100	138	152	159	166	216	234
November ...	86.1	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	102	135	149	153	164	211	243
December ...	91.7	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	106	136	150	152	159	208	243
Year ...	932.3	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	100	131	151	156	160	196	226

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

21. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
Year 1939	50,520	£18,179,537	156,787	£7,539,660	£25,719,197
1944	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947*—Jan. to Nov.	83,410	36,669,415	107,943	9,758,136	46,427,551
June	8,209	3,660,030	12,766	1,161,199	4,821,229
July	8,762	4,003,440	10,880	1,004,592	5,008,032
August	8,953	4,183,290	10,197	942,358	5,125,648
September ...	10,434	4,741,619	13,644	1,265,217	6,006,836
October	7,147	3,218,637	10,293	940,531	4,159,168
November ...	7,497	3,298,045	9,998	936,208	4,234,253

* The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

22. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Jan. to Nov.	£2,483,810	£725,066	£1,160,864	£4,369,740
June	222,232	71,075	100,792	394,099
July	265,631	76,755	98,451	440,837
August	233,242	63,634	97,611	394,487
September ...	297,680	60,406	120,734	478,820
October	260,288	69,382	69,506	399,176
November ...	201,670	72,902	97,774	372,346

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

23. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
1931—Sept.	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
1937—Mar.	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—Sept.	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1947—Jan.	307.8	289.0	202.9	165.5	343.8	243.8	259.6
April ...	325.4	313.6	194.7	168.3	385.5	254.9	269.9
May ...	329.2	314.8	196.9	172.6	391.7	257.1	272.4
June ...	330.4	318.1	194.9	171.0	401.0	258.1	272.1
July ...	327.8	315.1	194.5	167.7	408.8	257.0	270.4
Aug. ...	325.0	304.9	190.4	164.6	406.8	252.6	264.1
Sept. ...	332.1	306.4	187.9	168.8	399.6	253.5	264.5
Oct. ...	341.2	311.6	188.1	173.9	399.1	258.8	270.9
Nov. ...	347.3	318.2	190.7	179.8	399.2	264.4	276.4
Dec. ...	355.4	318.8	189.8	183.4	404.4	268.7	280.4
948—Jan.	360.2	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.7	271.2	282.9

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

24. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—			
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.		At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.		
1942	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	2'47	3'23
1943	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'89	2'45	3'24
1944	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	2'48	3'23
1945	4'8	4'4	2'30	2'60	2'45	3'24
1946	4'5	4'3	2'27	2'57	2'47	3'25
1947	4'4	4'3	1'99	2'64	1'90	3'24
Months—			2'23	2'69	2'12	3'17
1946—December ...	4'5	4'4	2'01	2'77	1'96	3'21
1947—March ...	4'5	4'4	2'01	2'66	1'99	3'18
June ...	4'5	4'3	2'16	2'59	1'92	3'15
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'44	2'67	2'28	3'17
October ...	4'4	4'3	2'44	2'53	2'30	3'17
November ...	4'4	4'3	2'46	2'63	2'46	3'17
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'51	2'77	2'46	3'17

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

25. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939†.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,449	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	1,591	595	383	608	1,078	1,858
February ...	2,438	1,294	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	1,841	390	611	593	1,179	2,031
March ...	3,623	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	4,395	2,225	503	663	688	1,047	2,005
April ...	2,245	1,517	931	1,663	3,832	3,593	2,025	536	302	526	1,431	1,674
May ...	3,090	1,185	1,307	2,204	4,697	4,763	2,112	381	495	606	1,641	2,299
June ...	2,613	1,358	1,809	2,373	3,593	4,617	1,658	400	687	864	1,708	2,079
July ...	2,919	1,783	1,992	2,726	4,005	5,335	1,950	399	543	902	1,622	2,484
August ...	3,068	1,379	2,241	2,238	5,670	5,346	2,770	450	723	861	2,352	2,085
September ...	2,934	1,551	1,772	2,684	6,440	4,988	1,501	432	597	1,005	2,328	2,378
October ...	2,330	1,549	1,654	3,260	5,826	4,843	1,713	618	634	1,128	2,161	2,741
November ...	2,381	1,558	1,899	3,106	5,180	4,978	1,702	558	529	1,072	2,163	2,238
December ...	2,067	1,592	1,708	2,195	4,105	5,061	1,344	494	699	899	2,473	2,220
Year ...	32,157	17,542	19,462	28,293	50,677	57,224	22,444	5,756	6,866	9,752	21,183	26,092

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered. † Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

26. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of December.			Year ended 31st December.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945	11,297	73,970	65,011	913,650	1,430,685	1,011,145
1946	19,561	56,538	86,032	679,953	1,544,229	1,199,843
1947	23,149	93,215	137,320	749,002	1,893,292	1,689,916

See note under Table 25. * Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

27. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (*e.g.* Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental. (a)	Private. (b)	Total. (b)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (b)	Building and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	158.8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	406.2	547.7	26.0	202.1	54.0	76.8	41.6	43.6	49.3
1943—July ...	156.9	365.2	522.1	25.1	217.8	30.1	79.9	28.7	33.4	39.6
1944—July ...	152.2	372.0	524.2	24.4	217.6	28.2	82.3	28.5	34.0	42.6
1945—July ...	156.7	384.5	541.2	24.7	216.6	34.2	86.0	30.2	35.6	45.8
1946—July ...	169.8	455.6	625.4	25.7	237.9	45.1	97.3	42.1	51.2	57.0
Dec. ...	172.7	474.7	647.4	26.4	242.1	49.5	98.8	46.3	54.1	60.2
1947—Jan. ...	173.5	479.8	653.3	26.3	245.4	51.0	99.7	45.3	54.5	61.0
Feb. ...	174.9	479.7	654.6	26.3	244.1	53.0	99.5	45.0	55.0	61.4
Mar. ...	175.5	486.2	661.7	26.1	248.9	53.0	99.8	45.2	55.7	62.3
April ...	176.4	488.4	664.8	26.2	248.6	53.0	102.1	45.6	55.7	62.3
May ...	177.4	490.6	668.0	26.4	248.5	55.1	102.0	45.7	56.1	62.5
June ...	178.2	493.6	671.8	26.6	249.9	55.7	102.8	46.4	56.4	62.4
July ...	179.0	497.7	676.7	26.7	252.5	57.0	102.7	46.6	56.7	62.9
Aug. ...	179.6	499.8	679.4	26.8	254.1	56.8	102.8	46.9	56.7	63.5
Sept. ...	180.4	503.0	683.4	27.2	254.9	57.4	103.7	47.5	57.2	63.5
Oct. ...	180.6	505.8	686.4	27.1	255.5	57.5	104.9	48.1	57.4	63.8
Nov. ...	180.6	507.3	687.9	27.1	255.5	57.5	104.4	49.0	58.0	63.9
Dec. ...	181.7	506.9	688.6	27.3	254.6	57.0	103.6	50.3	57.6	64.5
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	59.3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	196.6	218.3	0.2	76.0	0.7	8.2	41.0	17.8	60.2
1943—July ...	46.1	207.7	253.8	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	38.5	20.6	65.9
1944—July ...	45.6	205.4	251.0	0.2	91.6	0.7	13.8	36.3	20.7	67.7
1945—July ...	43.4	203.3	246.7	0.2	85.7	0.7	14.5	37.5	21.1	69.6
1946—July ...	32.8	210.2	243.0	0.2	83.2	0.9	12.9	39.2	21.1	73.3
Dec. ...	31.2	219.5	250.7	0.2	85.0	0.9	12.1	43.1	21.8	75.8
1947—Jan. ...	31.8	216.8	248.6	0.2	84.0	0.9	12.4	41.6	21.7	75.8
Feb. ...	31.9	217.1	249.0	0.2	85.1	0.9	12.7	40.3	22.0	75.9
Mar. ...	32.0	219.6	251.6	0.2	86.4	0.9	12.7	40.5	22.1	76.7
April ...	32.1	219.1	251.2	0.2	85.3	0.9	12.7	40.6	22.0	77.3
May ...	32.1	219.4	251.5	0.2	85.6	1.1	12.7	40.7	22.1	77.0
June ...	32.3	219.8	252.1	0.2	85.6	1.0	12.8	40.7	22.2	77.1
July ...	32.3	220.6	252.9	0.2	86.2	1.0	12.8	40.9	22.3	77.1
Aug. ...	32.6	222.8	255.4	0.2	86.7	1.0	13.0	41.0	22.7	78.3
Sept. ...	32.6	224.1	256.7	0.2	87.1	1.0	13.1	41.5	23.0	78.5
Oct. ...	32.7	225.6	258.3	0.2	87.6	1.0	13.2	41.8	23.2	78.8
Nov. ...	32.6	228.1	260.7	0.2	88.0	1.0	13.2	43.4	23.3	79.3
Dec. ...	32.6	228.2	260.8	0.2	87.5	1.0	13.3	44.3	23.4	78.8
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	218.1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	602.8	766.0	26.2	278.1	54.7	85.0	82.6	61.4	109.5
1943—July ...	203.0	572.9	775.9	25.3	312.4	30.8	92.8	67.2	54.0	105.5
1944—July ...	197.8	577.4	775.2	24.6	309.2	28.9	96.1	64.8	54.7	110.3
1945—July ...	200.1	587.8	787.9	24.9	302.3	34.9	100.5	67.7	56.7	115.4
1946—July ...	202.6	605.8	808.4	25.9	321.1	46.0	110.2	81.3	72.3	130.3
Dec. ...	203.9	694.2	898.1	26.6	327.1	50.4	110.9	89.4	75.9	136.0
1947—Jan. ...	205.3	696.6	901.9	26.5	329.4	51.9	112.1	86.9	76.2	136.8
Feb. ...	206.8	696.8	903.6	26.5	329.2	53.9	112.2	85.3	77.0	137.3
Mar. ...	207.5	705.8	913.3	26.3	335.3	53.9	112.5	85.7	77.8	139.0
April ...	208.4	707.5	915.9	26.6	333.9	53.9	114.8	86.2	77.7	139.6
May ...	209.5	710.0	919.5	26.8	334.1	56.2	114.7	86.4	78.2	139.5
June ...	210.5	713.4	923.9	26.9	335.5	56.7	115.6	87.1	78.6	139.5
July ...	211.3	718.3	929.6	27.0	338.7	58.0	115.5	87.5	79.0	140.0
Aug. ...	212.2	722.6	934.8	27.0	340.8	57.8	115.8	87.9	79.4	141.8
Sept. ...	213.0	727.1	940.1	27.4	342.0	58.4	116.8	89.0	80.2	142.0
Oct. ...	213.3	731.4	944.7	27.3	343.1	58.5	118.1	89.9	80.6	142.6
Nov. ...	213.2	735.4	948.6	27.3	343.5	58.5	117.6	92.4	81.3	143.2
Dec. ...	214.3	735.1	949.4	27.5	342.1	58.0	116.9	94.6	81.0	143.3

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1946, subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

28. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3.412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	141	141	164	155	173	165	170
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	142	145	159	161	174	181	201
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	143	146	164	165	171	185	199
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	141	147	164	162	172	189	198
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	146	144	166	172	178	192	198
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	150	154	174	176	176	197	208
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	149	158	171	177	184	195	212
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	151	157	181	181	177	195	212
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	151	158	171	172	180	201	214
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	154	163	162	169	174	203	211
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	152	161	164	171	179	200	214
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	153	165	163	169	123	180	214
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	148	154	167	170	172	191	204

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

29. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 3
1946—October ...	5	4.17	66	16 6	61	19 0	454	1 7	10	15 3
November ...	5	4.17	69	10 1	62	13 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
December ...	5	4.17	71	13 0	61	13 6	454	1 7	10	15 3
1947—January ...	5	4.17	77	14 10	66	1 1	454	1 7	10	15 3
February ...	4	3.42	79	5 5	65	11 4	454	1 7	10	15 3
March ...	4	6.44	81	18 1	68	3 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
April ...	4	4.98	93	15 11	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
May ...	4	3.04	96	0 1	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
June ...	3	11.75	94	3 0	64	16 4	523	12 10	10	15 3
July ...	3	8.90	93	1 5	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
August ...	3	9.40	92	3 0	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
September ...	4	1.07	93	14 7	65	4 7	521	14 3	10	15 3
October ...	4	4.96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November ...	4	8.56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3

30. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28'0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30'5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33'1

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

31. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	...	...	...	113 0	...	...	...

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Census 30th June, 1947 (preliminary):—New South Wales, Males, 1,492,827; Females, 1,492,637; Total, 2,985,464—or 39'4 per cent. of population of Australia; Sydney and Suburbs, 1,484,434.

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